

COUNCIL VOTES TO BAN MARBLE GAME

Patronsky Withdrawal Move Rapped City Fathers to End Gambling

Powell's Disclosure Shocks City

TORRANCE—Attempts of a group of Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos residents to persuade Councilman George Powell to use his influence in inducing A. J. Patronsky to withdraw from the city council race fell on deaf ears this week.

Powell was called to address the group on Sunday and to answer questions on the forthcoming election, and other matters.

They told Powell, the councilman said, that he had "materially hurt the area and had been lax in his representation in letting two men from the same area file for the city council."

They further asked, said Powell, that he induce Patronsky to support Harvey Spelman, newspaper and paper salesman for Blake, Moffet & Towne, whose best customer in the area is the Torrance Herald.

Powell replied, and forcefully, he said, that it would be illegal to ask or coerce Patronsky to withdraw from the race: "There are hundreds of other citizens who, no doubt, want very much to have Patronsky stay in the race," Powell declared. "The Central district should not be allowed to dictate the names of candidates from the outlying areas."

Patronsky lives in Hollywood Riviera and Spelman in Seaside Ranchos, both in the extreme southwestern section of the city.

Shoppers Shortcuts

By HAZEL KELLER

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BUS PROFIT TOLD IN REPORT

Los Angeles Run Able To Absorb Local Deficit

Nearly one month after the Press asked for figures on cost and operation per mile of various routes of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, the figures have at last been made available to City Manager George Stevens and the city council.

They show clearly to those studying them that the bus lines are a successful operation when properly managed, and that they are deserving of support of the general fund if the profits from the most successful runs are insufficient to defray the costs of the less profitable lines. Good service and good management is the answer, they indicated.

Where previous bus department managers have kept accurate costs of operation per mile and revenue per mile on all runs, it was necessary for the present manager to make special checks, and because the Press believes that the citizens of Torrance are entitled to this information, the following exclusive analysis is presented.

A general statement by City Manager Stevens last week, also reported exclusively in the Press, indicated that the average revenue per mile of the bus lines in the last fiscal year was slightly more than 30 cents per mile.

No over-all figures on the cost per mile have been provided, but the Press, in studying the reports

furnished by the bus department and by the city manager on cost of operation per mile, finds the bus lines cost an average of .2542 cents per mile.

PROFIT NOTED

Thus, it is shown, the average revenue per mile was .0458 cents per mile over the average costs per mile on all lines, as based on the bus department's own figures, before depreciation, which is a something which can be figured as an item in favor of municipal operation of the bus lines or against it, depending upon who has the pencil.

The Press agrees with many hundreds of its readers that depreciation is not to be considered at this time despite the fact that the political interests who would deprive the city of this important municipal service use them in arguments in the present election campaign.

We ask our readers to study (Continued on Page Four)



Festival Fair getting underway for a 5 day celebration is being sponsored by the Torrance Lion's club and Optimists with the cooperation of nearly every organization in Torrance. Free entertainment will be featured nightly. All proceeds will go to Charity funds. The five day carnival will begin Wednesday, March 29, and run until April 2, Sunday. Booths will be operated by service clubs and organizations. Local talent amateur shows will be held twice nightly at the fair groups which are located in the center of Torrance across from the Post Office.

ADDED FEATURE



BOZO THE MAGICAL CLOWN

Little Merchant Plan Proving Very Successful

TORRANCE—"Your Peninsula Press news boy is in business for himself!" He is a little merchant selling his service. He is taught politeness, and how to deliver your press on your porch. He is ambitious to earn money for the things he needs. He wants to please YOU.

So when he calls on you to pay 5c or 10c each month for delivering your Press, we ask that you cooperate in encouraging him to give better service, and to learn self reliance.

The "Little Merchant Plan," a modern form of delivering newspapers on a paid basis, was inaugurated by the Press last week, and is proving very successful. Each week, rain or shine, the Press will be delivered by the "Boy in your neighborhood" to every door step, in Torrance. Watch for him, as he comes by each month to collect, and encourage him in his new business. —The Editor.

PRESS SPOTLIGHT BY ALEX WHITE

—Photos by Photo Arts Studios



Virgil Bolles
Benficklin, deep in the heart of Texas, claims Virgil Bolles as a native son. To save the time of any who might try to find this town on a map, we hasten to explain that the town no longer exists, as it was destroyed in a freak flood in 1928 and never rebuilt due, no doubt, to its proximity to San Angelo. Bolles' father made a business of buying raw land and selling it a profit after it had been developed, a business which caused frequent moves.

Virgil attended elementary school at Haskell, Texas, and graduated from high school at Childers. His first 20 years of life were typical of many Texas boys in that he learned to ride at the age of 4 and spent most Sundays and wet days, while

Schools Warn Of Expansion

TORRANCE—A meeting of all agencies concerned with the rapid expansion of population of Torrance will be held within the next three weeks, as a result of a letter sent to the City Council by Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull calling attention to the burden increased school enrollment is placing on the taxpayers.

The agencies concerned are the Board of Education, the City Council, Planning Commission, Torrance Industries Tax Committee, Recreation Commission and other directly concerned agencies.

Bank Seeks Site Here

TORRANCE—Another bank will be added to the expanding business district of Torrance, the Press learned this week.

Representatives of the bank have been investigating sites for quite some time, it was revealed, and it was indicated that the bank will be a privately owned state bank, financed by outside interests.

At the present time, there are only two banks to service the fast growing Torrance population—the Torrance National bank, privately owned, and the Bank of America.

Borough System Will Benefit Shoestring

SHOESTRING—Residents of the Shoestring Strip of Los Angeles including Harbor City, who for years have fought for better municipal services in their area, including better fire and police protection, street work and other benefits given to central Los Angeles but denied this area, this week hailed the new effort of Assemblyman Vincent Thomas to either break away from Los Angeles or establish the borough system for the city.

Thomas led a local secession fight against Los Angeles in the Legislature in 1949.

Thomas declared the outlying districts "are up in arms" about "antiquated" methods of centralized city government, "the parking lot monopoly," and the "unfair and dictatorial" practices now in vogue.

In a resolution Thomas introduced in the Assembly, Thomas said that a borough system of government must be established in the City of Los Angeles and other communities faced with similar problems and, therefore, requests that a three-man investigating committee be created for studying the feasibility of immediate establishment of the borough system for Los Angeles.

"Traffic problems, as well as 'tank town' practices," Thomas said, "must be solved if we are to avoid utter chaos and disruption of community life."

Thomas asserted that since the borough system has been successful in New York City, it can serve a "great purpose and benefit" in California.

"We should run the third largest city in the United States—and that is Los Angeles—as a metropolitan and not as a village of the mission days," Thomas declared, "outlying districts are up in arms. This is because they receive very little attention from the powers-that-be due to their sitting in the chairs in the city hall," with a do nothing attitude.

Assemblyman Thomas asserted further that "the city of Los Angeles is operating its government under the charter of the later 20's whereas the population has grown tremendously calling for more direct expression by the people."

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D, San Pedro) has been named chairman of a sub-committee of the assembly taxation committee to investigate the feasibility of the borough form of city government for Los Angeles and similar spread-out cities.

TORRANCE—Responding to the appeals of Parent-Teacher members voiced by the Press in startling revelations of the presence of gambling in Torrance, the City Council Tuesday night unanimously instructed City Attorney C. Douglas Smith to draft an ordinance to ban marble games or pin ball machines in Torrance.

A motion by Councilman George Powell, seconded by Councilman Nick Drule, asked Smith to investigate the abandonment of the games in other cities such as Los Angeles and Long Beach and to draft an ordinance similar to the ones adopted in those cities where games have been ruled illegal.

Meanwhile, operators of the games, realizing the town is "hot" for them were voluntarily removing the machines, especially from places where children have been playing them.

The "one balls," however, probably will last until banned, as the operators admit they want to protect the lucrative profits coming from the marble tables of this type which even they, themselves, admit are no different from ordinary "one arm bandits."

The cry to remove the games, first voiced in the Press three weeks ago, following the anti-gambling "smoke screen" thrown up in support of some candidates for the City Council.

Bus Depot Opens For Customers

TORRANCE—The new bus depot adjoining Daniel's Cafe on Cabrillo Ave., will be open today to receive passengers for Greyhound routes, Torrance municipal bus lines will begin operation out of the new depot on April 2, according to Charlie Gotts, owner.

"All the most modern conveniences will be offered waiting passengers," according to Gotts, including leather cushioned seats with plenty of windows allowing light for easy reading; neat, clean rest rooms; snack bar to provide quick short order service; off street parking for buses, and a completely remodeled kitchen with new stainless steel equipment.

Auto Parking Problem Will Get New Study

TORRANCE—Torrance is getting a fore-taste this week-end of what parking conditions are going to be in Torrance within a year, with the Torrance Spring Fun Festival taking up three parking lots and new construction starting on two others.

The carnival, sponsored by the Lions and Optimists clubs, is located on Marcellina avenue, opposite the postoffice, and has eliminated use of three big lots for parking.

George Binder has started a new building adjoining McGowan Drug Store on El Prado, and another on his lot formerly used for Van de Kamp's customer parking.

M. Katz and B. Roth are progressing with their building on Post avenue, and other structures occupying lots formerly used for parking are the Isen building on Cravens, Daniels cafe and the bus station.

Meanwhile, C. T. Rippey, Charles Schultz, W. E. Bowen and George Stevens, city manager, are on a traffic committee to study the situation, and suggestions that the city build a three story auto parking building on its lot at El Prado and Cravens have been voiced by many residents.

Columbia Steel Man Receives Promotion

TORRANCE—L. W. Hall, who started his career with Columbia Steel Company at the local plant, has been promoted to manager of sales of the firm's Los Angeles office, it was announced Tuesday, March 21, by F. S. Howard, division vice president.



OPENING TODAY—The new bus depot for Greyhound lines and Torrance Municipal bus lines which is located in Daniel's Cafe on Cabrillo Ave. Featuring leather cushioned seats, ample light for reading and a snack bar, Charlie Gotts, owner states that the new depot can accommodate a large number of passengers.